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SUBJ: PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S ASIA POLICY SPEECH

1. PRESS REACTION TO SECRETARY VANCE'S JUNE 29  
SPEECH BEFORE ASIA SOCIETY IN NEW YORK LIMITED.

2. JULY 1 BULLETIN TODAY PRINTED UPI STORY ON INTER-  
NATIONAL NEWS PAGE REPORTING SPEECH AND STRESSING US  
COMMITMENT TO NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS WITH CHINA.

3. DAILY EXPRESS COLUMNIST TEODORO VALENCIA, REFERRING  
TO VARIOUS SECTIONS OF SECRETARY'S SPEECH, MADE NUMBER  
OF CRITICISMS OF US IN JULY 3 COLUMN. VALENCIA INTERPRETED  
SECRETARY'S REMARKS ON RELATIONS WITH CHINA, JAPAN AND VIETNAM  
AS INDICATING AMERICANS "FRIENDLIER" TO FORMER ENEMIES THAN  
TO FORMER ALLIES. SCOFFING AT SECRETARY'S REFERENCE  
TO "RECIPROCITY AND MUTUAL RESPECT" IN RELATIONS WITH  
ASIAN COUNTRIES, HE QUERIED: "HOW CAN WE ENJOY RECIPROCITY  
AND MUTUAL RESPECT AND APPRECIATE HUMAN RIGHTS WITH THE  
US WHEN SHE'S ABOVE THE LAW IN THE PHILIPPINES?" VALENCIA  
ASSERTED THAT JAPAN IS IMPORTANT TO US ONLY BECAUSE  
JAPAN IS RICH AND HAS PROVED "SHE CAN LICK THE US."  
POOR ASIAN COUNTRIES, NO MATTER HOW LOYAL, ARE OF  
LESSER IMPORTANCE.

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4. TIMES JOURNAL AND DAILY EXPRESS RAN IDENTICAL FEATURE  
STORY JULY 5 BASED ON PNA WASHINGTON REPORT, EMPHASIZING  
SECRETARY'S SUPPORT OF ASEAN IN ASIA SOCIETY SPEECH.  
THE ARTICLE STATED THAT AFTER "VIRTUALLY IGNORING IT FOR THE  
PAST SEVERAL YEARS," US NOW READY TO DEAL WITH ASEAN.  
ARTICLE BRIEFLY OUTLINED INCREASING US-ASEAN INTERACTION,

INCLUDING UPCOMING DIALOGUE. ARTICLE ALSO REPORTED SECRETARY'S  
REMARKS ON US AS ASIAN POWER, PHILIPPINE RELATIONS, AND HUMAN  
RIGHTS.

5. COMMENT: SO FAR WE HAVE RECEIVED NO AUTHORITATIVE  
OFFICIAL REACTION. PRESIDENT MARCOS WHO WAS PROVIDED COPY OF  
SPEECH OFFERED NO COMMENT ALTHOUGH HE SPENT JULY 4  
EVENING WITH CHARGE.  
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